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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center (AAACC) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, located at 601 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33602. The funding would be used for the construction of the AAACC.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would promote resiliency in the West Tampa area, which is in a Qualified Census Tract. It will also enchance community outreach efforts and strategic partnerships in the Tampa area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Laurel M. Lee

Member of Congress